

WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – 3RD Quarter October 10, 2020

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

Programs

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

CBSN New York, 24/7 direct-to-consumer services that stream anchored news coverage and live breaking news events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations that include topics such as, Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Health: Topics in this category include mainly COVID-19 outbreak and possible cases in New York City.

CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 9/8 CBS 2's Dr. Max Gomez tells us that an unprecedented pledge was signed by nine of the leading pharmaceutical companies racing to develop a COVID-19 vaccine. The pharmaceutical industry has made astounding progress in developing a coronavirus vaccine. What normally takes years has been accomplished in six months, with several vaccines already in what is hoped to be definitive phase three safety and efficacy trials. That said, there is widespread concern that the Food and Drug Administration will buckle under intense White House pressure to prematurely approve a vaccine. The pledge reads in parts that the companies will: "only submit for approval or emergency use authorization after demonstrating safety and efficacy through a Phase 3 clinical study that is designed and conducted to meet requirements of expert regulatory authorities such as the FDA." **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY AT 11PM:** 9/13 CBS2's Aundrea Cline-Thomas reports that Connecticut health officials are warning of a rise in infections stemming from the exposure to bacteria in the Long Island Sound. Four patients in August and one in July were diagnosed with relatively rare *Vibrio vulnificus* infections, according the state Department of Public Health. Those infections can lead to serious illness that could result in hospitalization or limb amputation, the department said.

Government and Politics: Topics in this category include: cutting federal aid to New York City and after storm issues.

CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 9/21 CBS2's Marcia Kramer tells us that New York politicians are reacting angrily after President Donald Trump made another attempt to cut federal aid to New York City. He had the U.S. Department of Justice has label the Big Apple an "anarchist jurisdiction" as an excuse to withhold funds. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM** 8/11 CBS2's Marcia Kramer reports that Kramer reports that a Queens resident was told he may have to wait more than three weeks for help to fix his storm-damaged home. When the resident tried calling 311 – and he did repeatedly – he got the brush off. The report said they would be updated in 23 days. That's 23 days with a hole in the roof and no way to fix it, and since it was a city tree, the city has to remove it or insurance won't cover it. A spokesman for the Parks Department told CBS2 the agency received 21,000 calls for help after the storm, more than they receive in four entire months. They say 75% have been addressed, but that leaves over 5,000 people who still need help. Kramer demanded answers from Mayor Bill de Blasio. Within an hour of that exchange, the Parks Department work crew was on the scene to remove the tree.

Education: Topics in this category include: School opening delays, remote learning, and in-person learning.

CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON: 8/14 CBS2's Mary Calvi tells us that members of the New York City Council are joining calls to delay the start of the school year. While buildings are being cleaned for their planned reopening on September 10th, the United Federation of Teachers has said it will fight to prevent schools that do not meet safety standards from opening their doors. 9/2 CBS2'S John Dias reports that Paramus school districts have made the last minute decision to stay remote. The Paramus School District says it won't start in-person learning until November 9th, but students were supposed to go back tomorrow. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00PM:** 9/1 CBS2's Ali Bauman tells us that Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Tuesday that a deal has been reached with the unions representing educators in New York City and that in-person, blended learning at public schools has been postponed until September 21st. Schools had originally been set to reopen on September 10th.

Consumer: Topics in this category include: toxic hand sanitizers and Hostess treats.

CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00PM: 7/22 CBS2's Kristine Johnson tells us that Hostess Products issued a voluntary recall for some of their Raspberry Zingers products over mold concerns. According to the FDA, the affected products may develop mold before their "best by" date. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00PM:** 7/23 CBS2's Kristine Johnson tells us that there's a new warning about toxic hand sanitizers. The Food and Drug Administration is now recalling 75 brands. They say the products can make people sick or even cause death if ingested. At least 11 people have died and more than two dozen have been hospitalized after drinking contaminated hand sanitizer. The products claim to contain ethanol but instead have tested positive for methanol or wood alcohol. Some of the recalled brands were sold at major retailers like Costco, Walmart and CVS.

Crime: Topics in this category include: An ATM robbery, hate crime, and a wild police chase.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING 8/20 CBS2's Natalie Duddridge tells us that dozens of people are under arrest in New Jersey for a major, potentially multi-state ATM crime spree. Police in Mercer County arrested 58 people from New York and New Jersey they said targeted Santander Banks. Investigators said the suspects used prepaid debit cards to steal more than \$250,000 from

ATMs. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 9/2 CBS2's Marcia Kramer reports that New York City has notched another huge increase in gun crimes last month. As the NYPD's chief of crime control strategies says, the agency is coping with the lowest number of cops on the street in six years. With gun violence skyrocketing in the city, 26% of shooting incidents in August were in just five Brooklyn precincts. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM** 9/14 CBS2's Marcia Kramer tells us that with crime rising and workers afraid to return to their buildings, several business groups are hiring private security guards to do the job. At least three business groups have hired their own security forces, coming on the heels of a letter to Mayor de Blasio by over 160 business leaders asking him to fix conditions in the city so businesses will recover. The mayor said he has to reopen schools before he figures out how to help the city recover.

CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM: 7/17 CBS2's Andrea Grymes tells us that a protester used blue paint to make a statement about a Black Lives Matter mural outside Trump Tower, which has been targeted by vandals twice in one week. Video caught two women splattering blue paint on the brand new mural. 7/21 CBS2's Ali Bauman tells us that a 73-year-old woman was attacked near the Port Authority in Manhattan, and she said even with witnesses, no one stepped in to help. 8/13 CBS2's Cory James tells us that an attempted police stop on the East Side of Manhattan turned into a wild chase, leaving people on the street running for safety. At least one suspect was taken into custody. 9/21 CBS2's Kristine Johnson reports that a woman is under arrest and facing hate crime charges for an attempted assault on a jogger in Queens in August. Police said the victim, Tiffany Johnson, 37, was out for a run on August 17th in Woodside, when Lorena Delaguna, 53, allegedly threw a glass bottle at her and yelled a racial slur. 9/22 CBS2's Ali Bauman tells us that an NYPD officer is in federal custody and facing a variety of charges after being accused of acting as an intelligence agent of the Chinese government. According to prosecutors, Baimadajie Angwang, 33, was in regular contact with a member of the Chinese consulate, who authorities allege was his "handler." Angwang worked at the 111th precinct in Bayside as a member of the community affairs unit. He's accused of spying for the Chinese government.